

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

Library
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 22**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$14,620 in grant funds from the National Film Preservation Foundation; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$14,620 for a National Film Preservation Foundation Basic Preservation Grant for film preservation.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the National Film Preservation Foundation. The grant period is May 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Susan Soy, Library Services Manager, 974-7388; Dana McBee, Financial Manager, 974-7433.

The National Film Preservation Foundation Basic Preservation Grant will provide funding to preserve a unique copy of a 1936 Chamber of Commerce Film entitled "When Grandad Fought the Indians." This film is a rare and unique look at Austin, Travis County, and Central Texas in the 1930's, capturing the town at a period prior to rapid change in the 1960's and 1970's that continues to the present. The film is experiencing significant deterioration and is in danger of being lost if not preserved, a consideration that factored significantly in its selection for this grant.

The grant will create a preservation copy of the film, an access copy of the film (for use in screenings), and an access copy of the film to be made available in the Austin History Center reading room.